

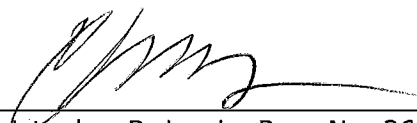
Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 3-7 and 11 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 3-7 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Specifically, the Office asserts that claim 1 is considered indefinite because of the "comprising" language that follows "consisting of" language. The Office Action apparently objects to the phrase, "at least one heat sealable ply consisting of natural and synthetic fibers" followed by the limitation of "wherein each of the synthetic fibers comprises a fiber blend." With this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to replace the term "comprises" with the term "consists of." Accordingly, Applicants submit that the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection has been overcome, and that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In view of the amendments and arguments as set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending application is in condition for allowance. Notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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